

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

St. Pisgah Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH THE—

DECATUR CHURCH, NEWTON CO., MISS.

Sept. 17th, 18th and 19th, 1881.

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Report of Committee on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

*To the Membership Composing the Churches of the Mount
Pisgah Baptist Association :*

DEAR BRETHREN :—Having been allowed to meet in our Forty-Fourth Annual Session, we would set before you some facts regarding our present meeting. The attendance has been very large, and the accommodations have been abundant and good, and nearly a full delegation from the churches—only two failing. Peace has attended our deliberations. We think the letters from the Churches give evidence of progress in the various departments of christian labor. The ingathering, it is true, has not been so large during the past Associational year as the year before, yet nearly all have had additions by baptism. The churches, with a very few exceptions have had preaching during the year. The preaching at this meeting has been Scriptural and Spiritual. The collection on Lord's day both for home and foreign missions were considered encouraging. We have received one new church,—while three have been dismissed to join another Association. We feel that we have great cause for thankfulness, and for increased and persevering labor. The obligation resting upon us is very great; to meet this obligation should be our constant aim, and to do the will of the Master. Let us seek to know the truth; to love it, and defend it—as by it alone can we, or others, be made free,—ever maintaining the form of sound words, and those peculiar views of doctrines, and ordinances held by us as Baptists. We have distinctive peculiarities—let us sustain and defend them.

A. J. FREEMAN,
Chm'n Committee.

MINUTES.

DECATUR, Miss., Sept. 17th, 1881.

The Mount Pisgah Baptist Association convened this day in her forty-fourth annual session with the Decatur Church, Newton Co., Miss. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. N. L. Clark, text, Jude 1st chap., 3d verse. Theme, Importance of christian faithfulness. Opening prayer by Eld. J. A. Hitt.

After an intermission of half an hour and refreshments, the delegates assembled for business. Prayer by Eld. D. Fore.

Committee on finance appointed, consisting of D. T. Chapman, S. H. Horne and J. E. Graham.

J. W. Huff appointed assistant Clerk.

Committee to read letters, A. J. Freeman, G. P. Clarke and L. M. Phillips.

Appointed to Preach at the stand this evening, J. A. Hitt.

Resolved. That as Eld. D. Fore is present as delegate from Pine Ridge, but without a letter from said church, that he be recognized as delegate from the same.

Letters read from forty one churches and delegates' names enrolled. (See statistical table.)

Resolved. That this Association elect her officers by acclamation.

Result as follows: Eld. N. L. Clarke, Mod., J. M. Pace, Treasurer, H. B. Cooper, Clerk.

Resolved. That visiting brethren be invited to seats in this body Eld. J. B. Gambrell, A. Gressett and J. C. Foster accepting said invitation.

Petitionary letters called for, when a letter from Linwood Church, Neshoba county, was presented, and on motion said church received as a member of this body.

Correspondence received from other Associations as follows:

From Ebenezer Association.—Letter and bundle of minutes.

From Springfield Association.—H. Estland, and J. A. Hitt.

From Oktibbeha Association.—L. B. Fancher.

Resolved. That correspondence be opened with the Oktibbeha Association:

Letter of correspondence from Shady Grove (col.) Association read asking for a return of correspondence; also seeking instructions from this body. Correspondence to be returned.

Resolved. That we correspond with the New Hope (Col.) Association by letter and delegates.

Committees appointed as follows:

On Preaching—J. M. Pace, C. G. Johnson, W. C. Sessums, E. Dean, W. M. Sadler, W. L. Bassett, together with the deacons of this church.

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On Queries and Requests:—L P Murrell, W Yarborough, E Biggs and J J Graham.

On Nominations:—J H Limbaugh, J M Harralson, F Sansing and N T Johnston.

On Missions:—J M Moore, D Fore, J D Hardy, A M Cross, Z K Gilmore and R B Nichols.

On Publications:—H B Cooper, E C Cleveland, H O White and J W Huff.

On State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence:—A J Freeman, W F Petty, H B Cooper, T M Ellerbee, J D Parker, H T Dozier, B F Carter. The Moderator added by motion (N L Clarke.)

On Sabbath Schools.—L J Caughman, L M Phillips, S J Tullos and G W Rainer.

The committee on Preaching reported as follows:—That Eld. A J Freeman, preach Sabbath at 11 A M., Eld. J B Gambrell, at 2 P M., Eld. J C Foster Sunday night, Eld. A Gressett, Monday 11 A M. and Eld. T I Wells at 2 P M.

Resolved. That Brethren Smith and Cross be excused from this body.

Resolved. That a public collection be taken up to-morrow, immediately after the 11 o'clock sermon, for Home and Foreign missions, and that prayer meeting services be held at 10 A M.

Adjourned to meet at 9 A M Monday.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting exercises conducted by Eld. J A Hitt.

At 11 A M Eld. A J Freeman preached, the annual sermon on missions, using as a text, parts of the 11th and 13th Chap. of Acts, after which a collection was taken up for missions as follows: Home, \$17.85, Foreign, \$18.75.

Eld. J B Gambrell preached at 2 P M. Text 13th and 14th verses of 3rd Chap. Titus. Theme, Christian work necessary to christian progress. This was one of Brother G's happy efforts.

Sabbath night Eld. J C Foster preached to a large congregation. At the close of the services quite a number of persons seemed to be much interested. We feel that much good will result from this day's labor.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called and absentees marked. Rules of Decorum read.

Proceeded to appoint correspondence with other Associations.

To the Mt. Olivet Association.—B F Carter and S H Horne.

To the Salem Association.—H B Cooper and J D Parker.

To the Oktibbeha Association.—J M Moore and J B Abney.

To the New Hope (col.) Association. Letter, as it convenes at the same time as this Association.

To the Shady Grove (col.) Association.—J. W. Huff.

On motion, Resolved, That Corresponding Messengers write their own letters.

Resolved, That a special Committee on Education be appointed, A. J. Freeman, J. M. Moore, J. H. Limbaugh. Said committee to report this afternoon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

ON NOMINATIONS—Adopted—Exhibit A.

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS—Adopted—Exhibit B.

ON MISSIONS—Read and, after several good speeches, adopted—Exhibit C.

ON STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE—Adopted. See first page of minutes.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Amended and adopted—Exhibit D.

ON FINANCE—Adopted—Exhibit E.

ON PUBLICATIONS—Amended and adopted—Exhibit F.

Proceeded to determine at which church this body will convene the next year. Mt. Sinai church, Neshoba county, Miss., receiving the majority over the two other places named, was chosen as the place at which this body will next convene. Adjourned for one hour.

Business resumed.

Delegates to the General Association—D. Fore, A. J. Freeman, T. J. Wells, H. B. Cooper, D. T. Chapman, O. F. Breland, J. M. Moore, W. F. Petty, A. J. Petty, N. L. Clarke, L. P. Murrell.

Report of Special Committee on Education—Read and, after speeches from A. Gresset, A. J. Freeman, J. B. Gambrell, adopted; after which about \$50.00 was raised in cash and pledges for the East Mississippi High School, located at Garlandville, Miss. Exhibit G.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Association be requested to urge upon that body the importance of increasing their missionary labor by appointing more missionaries and sending them into the destitute places.

Resolved, That the Pastors of the churches of this body be requested to urge the churches to represent themselves in the General Association, and do all they can to raise funds for that work.

Resolved, That the funds on hand for missions be sent up to the General Association by the delegates to that body.

Resolved, That thanks are hereby tendered to the church and people of this vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the Treasurer of the General Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk have a sufficient number of minutes printed for the use of the churches, and a sufficient number for corresponding purposes, and receive \$20.00 for his services and call on the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, That this Association adjourn, to meet with the Mt. Sinai church, Neshoba county, Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, A. D. 1882.

H. B. COOPER, Clerk.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

APPENDICES.

EXHIBIT A.

Your Committee on Nominations would report that we have nominated Eld. J. M. Moore to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. D. Fore, alternate, and that Eld. L. P. Murrell the next annual sermon on Missions, and Eld. G. W. Rainer alternate. Submitted.

J. H. LIMBAUGH,
F. SANSING,
J. M. HARALSON, } Committee.
N. T. JOHNSTON, }

EXHIBIT B.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests beg leave to make the following report: We find no query but several requests. Three churches requesting letters of dismission from our body, viz: Nesbota Springs, Blackjack Grove and Center Hill, which we recommend be granted. Three churches requesting that the next session of this body be held with them: Poplar Springs, Sylvarena and Mt. Sinai. Your committee, after due consideration, deem it best to submit the matter to the Association for final adjustment. Submitted.

L. P. MURRELL, Ch'm'n Committee.

EXHIBIT C.

Your Committee on Missions consider it needless to undertake to prove that God requires us to give the gospel to the whole world; yet the task were easy. A simple reference to the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," ought to satisfy the mind of every Baptist on this point. The proclamation to the Shepherds on the eve of the Savior's birth, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people," also proves that the gospel was designed to bless all the nations of the earth. And we have overwhelming evidences in the word of God that the time is approaching when the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. This work is all to be accomplished by the gospel. And while hundreds of thousands of God's people are to-day rejoicing in hope of eternal life, brought to the light through the gospel, there are yet hundreds of millions of our fellow race that know not God, and have no hope beyond the grave. And shall we not as God's children send the glad news of life and salvation to them? The way is now open to preach the gospel to nearly, if not quite all the benighted nations of the earth; and many of them are calling for the bread of life. Let us hear their cry, and in obedience to the direct command of the Great Head of the Church, let all God's people unite their efforts, their prayers, and their contributions, to give the gospel to all the world. We would urge our brethren everywhere to take the matter into prayerful consideration, and what we do let us do quickly; for while we are hesitating, souls are perishing. "The liberal soul shall be made fat," and "he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Respectfully submitted.

J. M. MOORE, Ch'm'n Committee.

EXHIBIT D.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report: We deem it unnecessary to undertake to prove that Sabbath Schools are very useful in the moral and religious training of the rising generation. It is plainly taught in the word of God that we should bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, in the way they should go, and when they get old they will not depart from it. We think a well conducted Sabbath School is very appropriate in this respect, in teaching the young the word of God. We are glad to know that some of our churches are keeping up their schools and we would earnestly recommend that all of them enter fully into this important work. Submitted.

S. J. TULLOS.
G. W. RAINER.
L. M. PHILIPS.
L. J. CAUGHMAN. } Committee.

EXHIBIT E.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's report and find a balance in his hands:

For Associational purposes, of.....	\$ 5 50
Sent up by the Churches for Associational purposes.....	121 80
" " " " " Domestic Missions.....	6 75
" " " " " Indian Missions.....	2 00
" " " " " Foreign Missions.....	5 45
" " " " " Bro. J. P. Ford, Foreign Missions.....	1 00
Public collection on Sabbath for Foreign Missions.....	17 85
" " " " " Domestic Missions.....	18 90
Total.....	\$179 25

Respectfully submitted.

D. T. CHAPMAN, Ch'm'n Com.

EXHIBIT F.

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report. That as it is an acknowledged fact that the religious press is second only in power, for the dissemination of religious truth to the living ministry, and that a more general knowledge of, and interest in, our work as a denomination is greatly desired. While much has been accomplished, intelligence, in many respects, concerning our denominational work has been gained. But we do not think that there has yet been reached that high standard of development among us as should be, and which is not only our privilege, but our duty to attain unto. With such means of progress and development as the present age affords us for the dissemination of our principles, we think it but reasonable that earnest effort be made to scatter the truth broadcast over the earth. To the accomplishment of which we would urge upon the people the necessity of taking and reading our denominational literature. Therefore we commend to the people of this part of the country the Southern Baptist, published at Meridian, and the Baptist Record, published

at Jackson, Miss., as being worthy of patronage. We would also urge, further, that the churches, composing this body, enter into a more thorough planting and fixing our principles among the people by a system of colportage. Let us, as the servants of the Most High, use every laudable means to spread the light of gospel teaching far and wide. Submitted.

H. B. COOPER, Ch'm'n Com.

EXHIBIT G.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report the following: That the General Association, at its last session, resolved to establish in its bounds and under its fostering care a school of high grade for the thorough and proper training of boys and girls, and proceeded to appoint a committee to locate said school. Which the committee has succeeded in doing in the beautiful little village of Garlandsville, Jasper county, which the committee thinks has been done under very favorable circumstances, and feels that the school will open in a few weeks. We, therefore, recommend this school to the favorable consideration of this body for its support, both in patronage and funds. We feel that it is one of the most important undertakings of the Baptists of East Mississippi and should call forth every energy of every Baptist throughout the length and breadth of the land. We also call attention to the Mississippi College as an institution that has and is doing great good, and therefore worthy of our patronage. This institution possesses every inducement—its healthy location and moral surroundings are unsurpassed.

AND. J. FREEMAN,
J. M. MOORE,
J. H. LIMBAUGH,

} Committee.

NAMES AND POST-OFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N. L. Clarke,	Decatur,	Newton County, Miss.		
H. B. Cooper,	"	"	"	"
O. F. Breland,	Dixon,	Neshoba	"	"
S. J. Tullos,	"	"	"	"
J. M. Moore,	Union,	Newton	"	"
L. B. Fancher,	Java,	Neshoba	"	"
A. A. Winstead,	"	"	"	"
B. F. Carter,	Philadelphia,	"	"	"
L. P. Murrell,	Lake,	Scott	"	"
D. Fore,	"	"	"	"
Pullum Vaughan,	Chunky Sta'n,	Newton	"	"
A. J. Freeman,	Newton,	"	"	"
Z. K. Gilmore,	Hickory,	"	"	"
J. D. Parker,	Jewell Hill,	Jasper	"	"
J. M. Kelly,	Decatur,	Newton	"	"
T. M. Elerbee,	New Ireland,	"	"	"
T. I. Wells,	Moore's Mills,	"	"	"
L. J. Caughman,	Shongelo,	Smith	"	"
E. S. Clark,	Edinburg,	Leake	"	"



LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

F. Samsing, Union,	H. O. White, Moore's Mill,
W. R. Halley, Hickory,	Jos. White, " "
B. W. Dearing, Newton,	R. A. Parker, Neshoba Sp'gs
Jas. E. Chapman, "	D. T. Halford, Hickory,
B. F. Smith, Philadelphia.	

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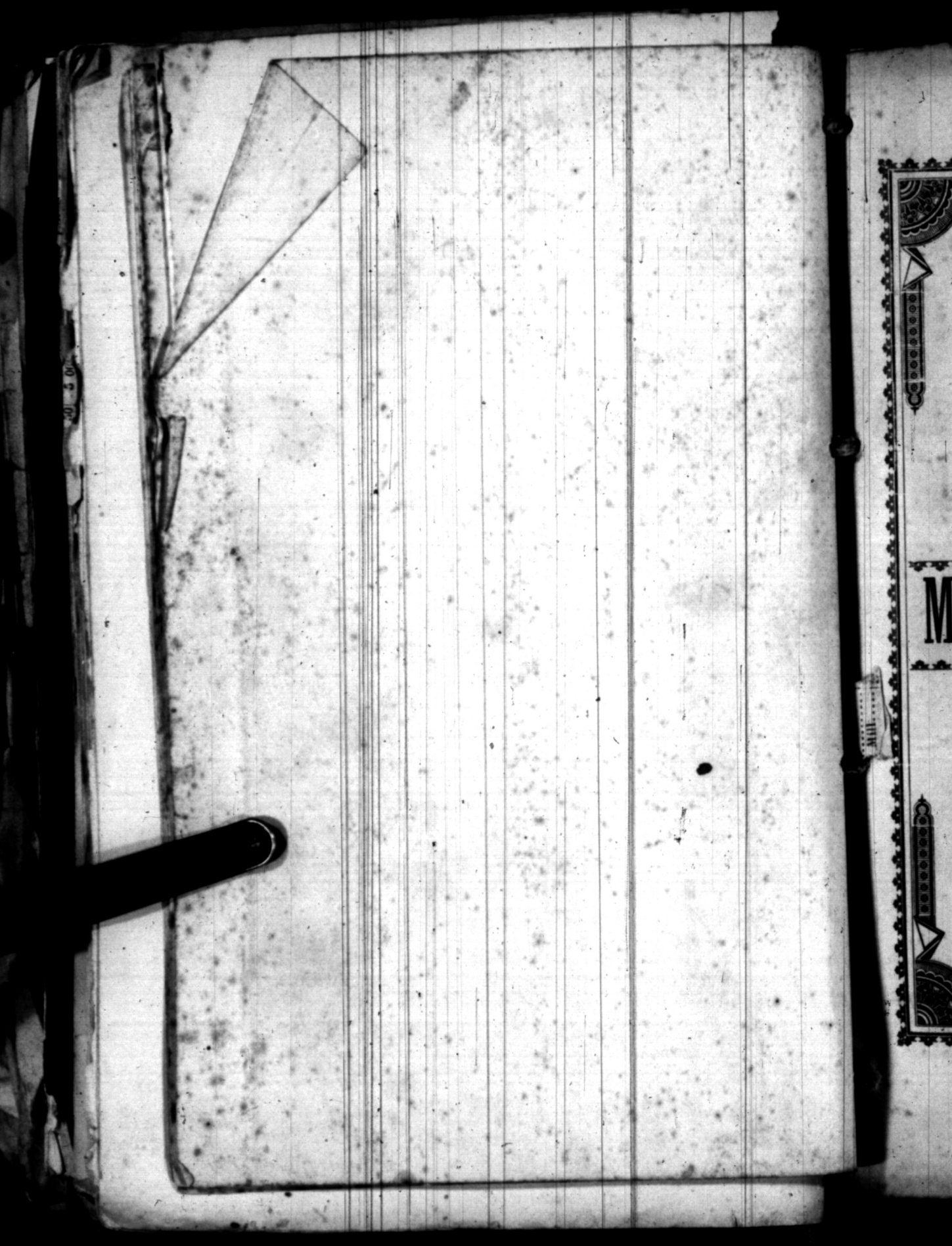
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Salem.....	Scott.....	Lake.....	B B Nichols, H C Emmons.....	2	
Hickory.....	Newton.....	Hickory.....	E Biggs, B Little.....	13	1
Bethlehem.....	Newton.....	New Ireland.....	J J Boler, L L Jones.....	4	
Union.....	Scott.....	Harperville.....	Louis Kennedy.....		
Good Hope.....	Neshoba.....	Philadelphia.....	B F Lewis, J G Fox.....	5	10
Sylvarena.....	Smith.....	Sylvarena.....	J J McCaughan, J W Huff.....	2	3
Mt. Pleasant.....	Newton.....	Hickory.....	T J Graham, H N Berry.....	3	2
Newton.....	Newton.....	Newton.....	J J Phillips, L M Phillips.....		
Center Hill.....	Neshoba.....	Philadelphia.....	B F Carter.....	8	1
Good Hope.....	Newton.....	Hickory.....	C G Johnson, W G Everett.....	9	1
Fellowship.....	Leake.....	Walnut Grove.....	S H Horne, J C Parker.....		
Neshoba Springs.....	Neshoba.....	Milledale.....	A L Parker.....	4	6
Enon.....	Neshoba.....	Union.....	D M Hitt.....		
Garlandville.....	Jasper.....	Garlandville.....	J D Hardy.....		
Bethel.....	Newton.....	Newton.....	D T Chapman, J E Chapman.....	10	3
Sharon.....	Smith.....	Shongelo.....	L J Caughman, J H Limbaugh.....	2	8
Pleasant Hill.....	Newton.....	Conehatta.....	L P Murrell, J M Haralson, W L Kelly, J M Pace.....		
Pine Ridge.....	Newton.....	Lake.....	D Fore, No letter.....	3	3
Harperville.....	Scott.....	Harperville.....	H T Dozier.....	3	5
Pinkney.....	Newton.....	Union.....	A G Collins, J W Arnold.....	3	1
Randall Hill.....	Jasper.....	Jewell Hill.....	W G Fortson.....	4	1
Rock Branch.....	Newton.....	Union.....	L S James, E C Cleaveland.....	5	5
Decatur.....	Newton.....	Decatur.....	H B Cooper, N L Clarke, G F Clarke, N T Johnston.....	2	1
Blackjack Grove.....	Neshoba.....	Edinburgs.....	E S Clark, B N Golman.....	12	3
Poplar Springs.....	Newton.....	Newton.....	E Dean, A J Rainer, Wm Yarborough.....		3
Beulah.....	Newton.....	Decatur.....	H O White, J E Graham, N F Smith.....		
Mt. Pisgah.....	Jasper.....	Paulding.....	H H Harper, Jos. Bounds.....		2
Ebenezer.....	Neshoba.....	Beech Springs.....	John McKee.....		3
Sulphur Springs.....	Scott.....	Damascus.....	W F Petty, A J Petty, H J Connel.....	5	
Lake.....	Scott.....	Lake.....	T M Gould.....	3	
New Prospect.....	Newton.....	New Ireland.....	T M Ellerbee, J P Ponder.....	4	3
Leaf River.....	Smith.....	Flower's Place.....	Jos. Peacock, H R Bassett.....		
Concord.....	Jasper.....	Garlandville.....	R E Buckley, Geo. Ishee.....		2
Mt. Sinai.....	Neshoba.....	Dixon.....	S J Tullios, J H Hadley.....	8	7
Ebenezer.....	Newton.....	Lawrence.....	J D Parker, H Robinson.....	27	12
New Hope.....	Neshoba.....	Union.....	W L Bassett, Jas Viverett.....	3	
Sand Springs.....	Newton.....	Hickory.....	Z K Gilmore, J L Hammonds.....	13	
Friendship.....	Leake.....	Lena.....	W C Sessums.....		
Midway.....	Newton.....	Newton.....	A J Freeman, J A Keith.....	3	
Oakland.....	Newton.....	Moore's Mill.....	A M Smith, W M Sadler.....	8	1
Cross Roads.....	Newton.....	Decatur.....	A M Cross, W J Pace.....		
Philadelphia.....	Neshoba.....	Philadelphia.....	Not represented.....		
Linwood.....	Neshoba.....	Dixon.....	W H Church, W D Hill.....	1	
Woodland.....	Neshoba.....	Laurel Hill.....	Not represented.....		

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MINUTES.

Report of Committee on the state of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have great reason for thankfulness to God for His continued mercies to us through another year, and for the present state of the churches. Our present meeting has been encouraging and hopeful. The weather has been very fine. Nearly a full delegation from the Churches. The delegates represent the Churches of the body as in a peaceful and thriving condition, taken as a whole. Most of the Churches have had some additions by baptism, and in some the additions have been quite numerous. There seems to be no signs of decay in our beloved Association. It is believed that all the churches of the Association have had preaching, at least one Sunday in the month. It is thought there is no abatement of interest in the work of missions, but rather an increase. The preaching during our present session has been sound and very interesting. We have received one new church into our number at this meeting; and one or two that have not been represented for some time, have revived, and are again with us. We still feel thankful to God and take courage.

Brethren, of the churches, let us remember what God has done for us, in giving us liberty, peace and prosperity. God has blessed us, and much has been done. There remains much yet to be done. We should remember that in our constant growth, there is vast responsibility upon the pastors, and more aged members, that the young may be trained and indoctrinated. Let us be firm in our adherence to the Scriptures—to the creed of our fathers—our own creed. We want no change, but that we may be a better people. Let us guard alike against Arminianism and Antinomianism. The Saviour says: "Behold, I come quickly." "Watch ye therefore."

J. M. MOORE, Chairman.

MT. SINAI, MISS., Sept. 16th, 1882.

Mt. Pisgah Association convened this day in her 45th Annual Session with Mt. Sinai Church, Ne hola county, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Moore; text, 1st Cor., 1:2. Theme—The Church of God, with its membership, ordinances and work.

Opening prayer by Eld. L. J. Laughman.

After intermission and refreshments, the delegates assembled for business.

Prayer by Eld. A. J. Freeman.

The Moderator announced that the Association was without a clerk. Eld. J. M. Moore was chosen clerk, pro. tem.

Eld. A. J. Freeman, L. L. Jones and W. L. Kelly, were appointed a committee to read letters.

J. E. Graham, J. D. Hardy, and G. W. Robinson, were appointed a committee on Finance.

Eld. Z. K. Gilmore appointed to preach at the stand, followed by Eld. D. Fore.

Letters were read from 43 churches, and delegates' names enrolled. (See table.)

On motion, it was resolved that this Association elect her officers by acclamation, which resulted in the re-election of our former Moderator, Eld. N. L. Clarke, and our former Treasurer, J. M. Pace, and Eld. J. M. Moore, as Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Petitionary letters were called for. A letter was presented from

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High Hill Church, and on motion, it was admitted a member of this body.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, whereupon, brethren T. A. Florence and D. H. Barrett presented themselves with letters as messengers from Choctaw Association.

Elder W. R. Butler was received as corresponding messenger from Springfield Association.

On motion, it was resolved, that this body open correspondence with the Choctaw Association.

Elder A. Gressett was received as Messenger from Bethlehem Association.

Received, Eld. E. S. Clarke, as messenger from Oetibbeha Association.

Letter and delegates (Eld. L. Anderson and P. Parker, col.) were received from Lone Pilgrim (col.) Baptist Association, soliciting correspondence with this body. Correspondence returned.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint committees as follows:

ON PREACHING.—J. M. Pace, Sr., chairman, A. J. Rainer, R. King, with pastor and deacons of this church.

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.—Eld. L. P. Murrell, chairman; F. Sansing, G. Everett, Eld. D. Fore, and E. Biggs.

ON MISSIONS.—Eld. A. J. Freeman, chairman, A. P. Wash and W. S. Norris.

ON NOMINATIONS.—N. T. Johnson, chairman; A. Chana, E. W. Roebuck, Eld. J. E. Chapman.

ON PUBLICATIONS.—Eld. L. J. Caughman, chairman; W. L. Kelly, L. L. Jones, J. M. Moore, Eld. Z. K. Gilmore, and Eld. D. Fore.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Eld. T. M. Ellerbe, chairman; Eld. J. K. P. Shows, S. C. Cross and S. H. Fortson.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE: Eld. J. M. Moore, chairman; Eld. L. J. Caughman, Eld. D. Fore, Eld. Z. K. Gilmore, J. H. Nelson, Elder S. J. Tullos, O. Smith. On motion, Eld. N. L. Clarke was added to this committee.

On motion, it was resolved that this body appoint a committee on Education. Eld. A. J. Freeman, L. L. Jones, W. S. Norris and J. D. Hardy, were appointed said committee.

Committee on Preaching submitted the following report:

That Elder L. P. Murrell preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday, and that a public collection be taken up for Missions at the close of the service; Eld. N. L. Clarke appointed to preach in the afternoon. On Monday, Eld. W. R. Butler appointed to preach at 11 o'clock, followed by Eld. A. Gressett; Eld. J. K. P. Shows in the afternoon.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Prayer meeting exercises at 9:30, conducted by Eld. L. J. Caughman.

At 11 A. M. Eld. L. P. Murrell preached the Annual sermon on Missions. Text: Isaiah, 53:4. Theme: Redemption by Christ, and the work of Missions. This was one of Bro. Murrell's best efforts. The congregation was very large and attentive. The public collection resulted as follows: For our Indian Mission, \$9.50; Foreign Missions, \$6.00; Domestic Missions, \$10.05.

Elder N. L. Clarke preached at 2, p. m. Text: 3rd chap., 30th verse of John. Theme—The increase and final triumph of Christ's Kingdom. He also preached an excellent sermon, growing warm and tender as he proceeded. His hearers were deeply impressed. We have much reason to hope that the cause of Christ was greatly furthered by this day's labors.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by Eld. L. P. Murrell.

Called the roll. Read the Rules of Decorum.

Proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to sister associations.

To the Salem: Eld. L. J. Caughman and Elder D Fore.

To the Octibbeha: F Clark and F Sansing.

To the Choctaw: N T Johnson and J E Graham.

To the Bethlehem: Elder Z K Gilmore and Elder J. M. Moore.

To the Springfield: Elder L P Murrell, S L Yarrell, N M Finly,
and T J Harroldson.

Resolved, That this Association re-open correspondence with Harmony Association. Elder N L Clarke, Elder A J Freeman, and A W W Grafton appointed messengers to the Harmony.

Passed a resolution, authorizing corresponding messengers to write their own letters.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Nominations—Report read and adopted. Appendix A.

On Requests—Report read and adopted. Appendix B.

On Missions—Report read, and after interesting speeches favoring the report, it was adopted. Appendix C.

On the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—Report read and adopted. See first page.

On Sunday Schools—Report read and adopted. Appendix D.

On Finance—Report read and adopted. Appendix E.

On Publications—Report read, and after some discussion, adopted. Appendix F.

On Education—Report read, and after speeches, adopted. Appendix G.

Appointed delegates to the General Association as follows: Elders A J Freeman, Z K Gilmore, S J Tullos, J M Moore, D Fore, L P Murrell and N L Clarke; J D Hardy, F Sansing, W F Petty, W L Kelly, A Chana, J J Ingram, N T Johnson, J M Pace, Sr., and J L Hammond.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That our Abstract of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Powers of the Association, be published in the Minutes of this Association.

Resolved, That this Association through her delegates, respectfully urge the membership of the churches to be more liberal in their contributions to missions, and to represent themselves in our General Association.

Resolved, That in view of the great lack of knowledge among the colored people and their churches, we recommend the General Association to send out some faithful man to labor among them, and that the delegates from this body labor to bring about said appointment.

Resolved, That the clerk have the minutes of this Association prepared and printed, distributing the same to the churches, reserving a sufficient number for corresponding purposes, and that he receive \$20.00 for his services, calling on the treasurer for the same.

Resolved, That the funds on hand for Missions be sent up to the General Association by the delegates of that body.

Resolved, That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the Treasurer of the General Association.

Resolved, That we cordially tender the thanks of this body to the

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church and people of this community, for their very generous hospitality during the meeting.

Resolved, That this Association adjourn to meet with Poplar Springs Church, Newton county, Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, A. D. 1883.
J. M. MOORE, Clerk. N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

APPENDICES

A.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following: That Elder D Fore preach the next Introductory Sermon, Elder A J Freeman his alternate; and that Elder N L Clarke preach the Annual Sermon on Missions, Elder L J Caughman his alternate.

N. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

B.

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests find no Queries and but one Request. Poplar Springs Church requests that the next meeting of this body be held with that church. We recommend that the request be granted. Submitted.

L. P. MURRELL,
Chairman.

C.

Report of Committee on Missions.

Your committee on Missions submit the following: That the object of associations is to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. The great missionary of the world was the Redeemer, who left Heaven and came to this benighted world to seek and to save that which was lost. It is a fact that the whole New Testament teaches this doctrine, and the injunction as well as the obligation rests upon all his followers, and is, a recognized fact by the christian world.

While this is so, we who profess to hold and teach the whole truth, as it is in Jesus, should feel intensely interested in disseminating the *great doctrine of the cross* to a ruined world.

The field is white for the harvest. The white man, the red man and the black man are repeating the Macedonian cry: "Come over and help us." So far as we know our mission work is in a healthy condition. The Choctaw mission has truly exceeded our expectations. Twenty-nine have been baptized, a church formed and many of them are now nominal christians.

But while the necessity is great, and the demand so urgent for more missionaries, we are saddened at the meagre contributions of the churches to this great work. We hope every church in our association will send up something to the General Association for this good work.

In conclusion, we recommend the churches to adopt some systematic plan of raising funds for the Grand Work of Missions.

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

D.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee, feel that good has resulted from well organized and properly conducted Sunday Schools. We urge that churches be more interested in inculcating religious knowledge in the minds of the

Therefore, *Resolved*, 1st., That we, believing the school to be a necessity, and that it will be vastly beneficial to eastern Mississippi, heartily endorse it, and think it worthy of the support of the denomination.

Resolved, 2nd, That we invite the patronage of the people, and especially of the denomination, to said school, and that we encourage young ladies and gentlemen to attend it. Board can be had on very reasonable terms in good families.

Resolved, 3rd, That we give every encouragement to the School, believing it to be better to build up such a school in our midst, where we can give our children a good education, than to send them to distant points of education, where they will be cast into strange communities.

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

Names of Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

N L Clarke, Decatur, Newton Co.	J D Parker, Jewell's Hill, Jasper Co.
S J Tullos, Dixon, Neshoba Co.	T M Ellerbe, New Ireland, Newton "
L P Murrell, Lake, Scott	T Y Wells, Moore's Mills, "
J M Moore, Union, Newton, "	G W Rainer, Hickory, "
J K P Shows, Union, Newton "	L J Caughman, Shongelo, Smith "
D Fore, Lake, Scott.	E S Clark, Edinburg, Leake "
A J Freeman, Newton, Newton "	J E Chapman, Newton, Newton "
Z K Gilmore, Hickory, "	B W Dearing, "
Pullum Vaughn, Chunkey Station, Newton County.	

Licentiates and their Offices.

F Sansing, Union.	W R Hailey, Hickory.
B F Smith, Philadelphia.	R A Parker, Milldale.
H O White, Moore's Mills	D T Halford, Hickory.
Joseph White, "	J E Pearson, Lena.
W C Sessums, Lena.	J Massey, "

Abstract of Faith.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature; consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he call eth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the

Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church: that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Rules of Decorum

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four, and no more.
7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.
8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.
11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.
12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege; and not then without leave of the Association.
13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.
14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.
15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.
16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.
17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.
18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.
19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, whenever necessary.
20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.
21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.
22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.
24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	No. Baptized.....	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter
County Line.	Neshoba.	Union.	J. M. Moore, F. Sansing.	2	6	1	3
Salem.	Scott.	Lake.	Oliver Smith, H. C. Emons.	1	1		7
Hickory.	Newton.	Hickory.	E. Biggs.	1	1		
Bethlehem.	Newton.	New Ireland.	E. L. Jones, J. H. Germany.	3			21
Union.	Scott.	Harperville.	S. M. Finly.	5	2		5
Good Hope.	Neshoba.	Philadelphia.	E. S. Clark, C. W. Canon.	5	5		
Sylvarena.	Smith.	Sylvarena.		5	5	1	1
Mt. Pleasant.	Newton.	Hickory.	A. Chana, W. E. Biggs.	1	2		2
Newton.	Newton.	Newton.	A. P. Wash, D. P. Whatley.		1		
Good Hope.	Newton.	Hickory.	S. W. Monroe, W. G. Everett.				
Fellowship.	Leake.	Walnut Grove.	B. H. Estes.	4	7		4
Enon.	Neshoba.	Union.					1
Garlandville.	Jasper.	Garlandville.	J. D. Hardy.	1			1
Bethel.	Newton.	Newton.	J. E. Chapman.	3	8		13
Sharon.	Smith.	Shongelo.	L. J. Caughman, Geo. Robinson.	1	4		11
Pleasant Hill.	Newton.	Conehatta.	L. P. Murrell, J. M. Pace, W. L. Kelly.	23	5		1
Pine Ridge.	Newton.	Lake.	D. Fore.	2	2		5
Harperville.	Scott.	Harperville.	T. J. Haralson, S. L. Yarrell.	4	4		1
Pinkney.	Newton.	Union.	E. W. Roebuck, W. L. Collins.	11	6	1	33
Randall Hill.	Jasper.	Jewel Hill.	S. H. Fortson.	13	4		6
Rock Branch.	Newton.	Union.	J. K. P. Shows.	7	2		2
Decatur.	Newton.	Decatur.	N. L. Clarke, T. G. Coker, N. T. Johnson.	2	3		1
Poplar Springs.	Newton.	Newton.	A. J. Rainer.	2	2		3
Beulah.	Newton.	Decatur.	J. E. Graham, Wm. Graham.				
Mt. Pisgah.	Jasper.	Paulding.	B. M. Buckley.				
Ebenezer.	Neshoba.	Beech Springs.	Wm. Walton, John McKey.				
Sulphur Springs.	Scott.	Damascus.	J. W. Goodwin, W. F. Petty.				
Lake.	Scott.	Lake.		2	1	4	3
New Prospect.	Newton.	New Ireland.	J. P. Ponder, T. M. Ellerbe.		2	1	3
Leaf River.	Smith.	Flower's Place.	J. H. Nelson.	1	1		11
Concord.	Jasper.	Garlandville.	A. B. Smith.	1	1	3	4
Mt. Sinai.	Neshoba.	Dixon.	S. J. Tullos, J. S. Guise.	2	2		7
Ebenezer.	Newton.	Lawrence.	T. J. Bound, H. Robinson.	12	3		
New Hope.	Neshoba.	Union.	W. T. Cooper, J. M. Smith.	15	3		6
Sand Springs.	Newton.	Hickory.	Z. K. Gilmore, J. L. Hammond.	4	1		7
Friendship.	Leake.	Lena.	Thos. Sessums.	33	8		11
Midway.	Newton.	Newton.	A. J. Freeman, W. S. Norris.	5	16		
Oakland.	Newton.	Moore's Mill.	J. M. Pace, Jr., J. S. Cross.	12	13	1	
Cross Roads.	Newton.	Decatur.	R. King, W. L. Gilbert.	1	11		3
Philadelphia.	Neshoba.	Philadelphia.	W. D. Hitt, J. J. Ingram.	3	13		
Linwood.	Neshoba.	Dixon.	A. W. W. Gaiton, R. L. White.	12	11		
Woodland.	Neshoba.	Dixon.	M. H. Eason, R. S. Estes.	3	14		
Sardis.	Scott.	Damascus.	Jesse Nelson, C. C. Arnold.				
High Hill.	Leake.	High Hill.					

NOTE.—A few churches sent up a fund for Indian Missions, which is put down in the table with the churches failed to report their ministers, hence the number in the table is less than the actual number.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Time of Meeting...	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Association Fund.	No. Minutes	Total Number.....	Colored	White Females....	White Males.....	Dead.....	Excluded.....	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Received by Letter	No. Baptized.....	
3	1	1				20	33	16	17	17			3	6	1	2	M. Moore,
4	4					15	24	15	9	9				1			J H Grundy,
1	1					20	25	18	7	7				1			N L Clarke,
1	1					20	57	30	27	27							J M Moore,
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2	2					30	66	42	24	24			5				E S Clarke,
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						10	16	10	1	1							
						20	66	41	23	23							L P Murrell,
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						30	82	30	17	17				5			M B Maumb,
						20	40	20	25	25				1			T M Ellerbe,
						20	62	20	36	36				1			J T Simmons,
2	2					25	69	25	29	29				4			1 J M Moore,
2	2					65	139	65	42	42			1				N L Clarke,
1	1					35	131	35	46	46			6	1			D Fore,
4	4					50	122	50	52	52			2				J M Moore,
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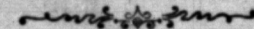


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MINUTES.

Report of Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have much reason to thank God for his mercies continued upon us through another year, and for the present flourishing condition of our beloved Zion. Our present meeting has been an unusually pleasant and encouraging one. All the churches composing this body, except one, have sent up delegates to this meeting. They represent the churches generally to be in a peaceful and thriving condition. Nearly all report some accessions during the year, and some, quite numerous gatherings. There are many hopeful signs of vigorous growth and prosperity in our beloved association. So far as we can learn, the churches, with few exceptions, have been supplied with preaching once a month, during the year. The preaching, at this meeting, has been earnest, edifying, and very interesting. We have added two new churches to our number at this meeting.

We hope there is no abatement of interest among us in the great work of missions. Dear brethren of the churches, let us remind you that this is the one important work before us as Baptists, and that it is to be a life time work. "Occupy till I come." Let us never forget the unspeakable riches of God's grace, conferred upon us through the gospel. And this blessed gospel has been committed to our trust, that we may carry its glad tidings to those "sitting in the region and shadow of death." Remember that God carries on the glorious work of salvation through his people. "Ye are the light of the world" says the blessed Savior. And as there are many yet, and some even in our midst, who have never heard the gospel, surely we should regard it a blessed privilege, as well as a sacred duty, to hold forth to them the Word of Life. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Give and it shall be given you." If you cannot give much, let all give something. The divine rule requires us to give "according as the Lord hath prospered us." God has hitherto greatly blessed our efforts in mission work: but there are vast responsibilities resting upon us yet. We, as Baptists, claim to be a peculiar people—in fact, the only people who hold and teach the truth in its purity, as God has revealed it in his word. And God's truth alone can make the people free—free in mind, in soul and body: Hence our obligation to be foremost in labors to give this precious truth to a sin enslaved world, that they may hear, believe and live. Dear brethren, the time is short; the Savior says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

N. L. CLARK, Chm'n.

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POPLAR SPRINGS, NEWTON CO., MISS., Sept. 15, 1883

Mt. Pisgah Association convened this day in her 46th annual session, with Poplar Springs Church, Newton county, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. D. Fore, from Eph. 2:8—Theme: salvation by the grace of God, through the ample provisions of the atonement of Christ.

After refreshments the delegates assembled in the house for business. The house was called to order by the Moderator. Opening prayer by Elder A. Gressett.

Elder A. Gressett, A. J. Freeman and L. M. Phillips were appointed reading clerks.

W. L. Kelly, J. W. Huff and A. J. Keith were appointed a committee on finance.

Letters were read from 45 churches and delegates' names enrolled. (See Table.)

On motion it was resolved, That this body elect her officers by acclamation, which resulted in the re-election of our former Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke, the former Secretary, Elder J. M. Moore, and J. I. Hardy as Treasurer. Elder L. J. Caughman appointed to preach at the stand. Visiting ministers were invited to seats with us. Petitionary letters being called for, one was presented by a delegate from Mt. Vernon and one from Old Union, which were read, the churches ad-

mitted members of this body, and their delegates welcomed by the Moderator. Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, whereupon brother W. W. Thomas responded as messenger from Harmony; brother H. Eastland from Springfield, and Eld. A. Gressett from the Bethlehem, and the hand of welcome extended by the Moderator. The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

ON PREACHING—A. P. Wash, W. G. Fortson, E. Dean, T. E. Wilson and H. White.

ON QUERIES AND REQUEST—Eld. L. P. Murrell, J. D. Parker, D. C. Payne, F. Sansing, C. C. Roebuck and M. J. Bryant.

ON MISSIONS—Elders J. E. Chapman, D. Fore, T. M. Ellerbe, J. C. Mann and Benj. Miller.

ON NOMINATIONS—Wm. Walton, H. H. Harper, H. F. Husbands, T. M. Gould, H. Robinson and S. H. Horn.

ON PUBLICATIONS—T. M. Ellerbe, S. J. Tullios and W. F. Petty.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. T. Massey, T. I. Wells, J. T. Halford and Z. K. Gilmore.

ON STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE—Elders J. M. Moore, T. I. Wells, L. J. Caughman, J. D. Herrington and John McKey. By motion, the Moderator's name was added.

ON EDUCATION—Eld. A. J. Freeman, L. M. Phillips, J. W. Arnold and Eld. A. Gressett.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Eld. N. L. Clarke preach the annual sermon on missions to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.; Eld. A. Gressett at 2 p. m. and Eld. A. F. Freeman at night.

The following brethren were excused from further attendance at this session of the body, viz: Eld. L. J. Caughman, Eld. J. M. Kelly, H. F. Husbands and A. M. Cross.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Monday morning.

Sabbath Services.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, conducted by Eld. S. J. Tullios. At 11 o'clock, the annual sermon on missions, was preached by Eld. N. L. Clarke, from John 17:20; Theme: The grand end of Christ's mission into the world, and His method of carrying it out. The discourse was appropriate, and the leading doctrines of the gospel were presented with much force and clearness. A collection was then taken up for missions, resulting as follows: For Indian Missions, \$11.53; Foreign Missions, \$6.40; Domestic Missions, \$6.25. Total, \$24.20.

After intermission, Eld. A. Gressett occupied the stand, preaching from 1st Peter, 1:23; Theme: Regeneration, effected by the instrumentality of God's Word. The subject was presented clearly in tenderness and solemnity; and much feeling and interest were manifested by a large and very orderly congregation. A pleasing feature of the conclusion of this service, was the presence of some of our Choctaw brethren, recently admitted into the fellowship of the Gospel, who were seen weeping and rejoicing together with us in the love of God, under the blessed influences of the Gospel.

Eld. A. J. Freeman preached at the church at night. Text: Luke 15, 18; Theme: The sinner coming to Christ.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. J. M. Moore.

Called the Role. Read the Rules of Decorum.

Proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

To the Salem—B. W. Dearing and J. D. Parker.

To the Octibbeha—F. Sansing and H. O. White.

To the Choctaw—T. I. Wells and G. W. Raynor.

To the Bethlehem—A. J. Freeman and J. M. Moore.

To the Springfield—L. J. Caughman and Bro. Westbrooks.

To the Harmony—L. P. Murrell, S. J. Tullios and J. J. Ingram.

Brethren L. M. Phillips, W. L. Kelley and J. D. Hardy, were appointed a committee to write corresponding letters.

Reports of Committees.

- On Nominations—Report read and adopted. Appendix A.
 - On Queries and Requests—Report read and heartily adopted. Appendix B.
 - On Missions—Report read, and after pertinent and feeling speeches in favor of the report, by brethren Freeman, Fore and many others, was unanimously adopted. Appendix C.
 - Eld. J. E. Chapman was appointed to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock.
 - Report of Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence. Report read and adopted. (See first page.)
 - On Sunday-schools—Report read, and after remarks by brethren D. Fore, T. M. Gould and R. E. Buckley, was adopted. Appendix D.
 - On Finance—Report read and adopted. Appendix E.
 - On Publications—The report being read, a number of brethren offered remarks thereon, when it was adopted. Appendix F.
 - On Education—After the report was read, there was some cross-firing between brethren, when it was finally adopted. Appendix G.
- The floor was granted to Bro. J. L. Hardy to present the claims of the Garlandsville High School, and to make a collection for the same.
- By motion, it was resolved to republish in the Minutes of this year the Abstract of Faith, Rules of Decorum, Gospel Order, &c. Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder T. I. Wells was appointed to preach at the stand. The Committee appointed to write letters of Correspondence reported. Letters read and adopted. Appointed representation to the General Association as follows: J. W. Huff, N. J. Bryant, Z. K. Gilmore, D. T. Chapman, T. I. Wells, G. W. Raynor, A. Chaney, D. Fore, A. J. Freeman, E. M. Stroud, N. L. Clarke, T. M. Ellerbe, T. M. Gould, L. P. Murrell and J. L. Hardy.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Many of the churches composing this body can not conveniently represent themselves in the General Association; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we recommend those churches to send up their mission funds by their delegates to the Mt. Pisgah Association, which funds shall be published to their credit in the minutes of this body, and entitle them to representation in the General Association, if they desire it.

Resolved, That the Clerk have the Minutes of this Association prepared and printed, and distributed to the churches—reserving a sufficient number for correspondence, and that he receive \$20 for his services—calling on the Treasurer for the same.

WHEREAS, Much has been said of late with regard to unification of the Baptists of this State; therefore,

Resolved by this Association unanimously, That while we wish union and harmony among the Baptists of Mississippi, both in faith and practice, yet, we are not willing to abandon the General Association, nor its great mission work; because it is more convenient to us, and better adapted to the circumstances of our people, than any other organization.

Resolved 2, That we request the publication of this resolution in the Southern Baptist.

Resolved, That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the Treasurer of the General Association.

Resolved unanimously. That we cordially tender the thanks of this body to the church and people of this community, for their kind and generous hospitality during the meeting.

Resolved. That the pastors or delegates composing this Association, be requested to ask their churches to send up to the General Association a contribution to liquidate the debt of the Garlandsville High School.

Resolved. That this Association adjourn to meet with Sylwarena church, Smith county, on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September. A. D. 1884.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

J. M. MOORE, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

A. *Report of Committee on Nominations.*

Your Committee on Nominations report: That we have nominated Eld. J. M. Moore to preach the next Introductory Sermon, Eld. L. P. Murrell his alternate; and that Eld. A. J. Freeman preach the next Annual Sermon on Missions, Eld. G. W. Raynor his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WALTON, Chairman.

B. *Report of Committee on Queries and Request.*

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We find one query, viz: "Is it right for our missionaries to exact pay for Sunday services?" We reply in the language of Scripture. That "the Lord has ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." We find four requests for the next annual meeting of this body. We recommend that the request from Sylwarena church, be granted.

Submitted,

L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

C. *Report of Committee on Missions.*

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report: Feeling that spreading the gospel is a duty required of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we believe the great subject of missions should be kept prominently before our churches and associations. Our Savior came to this world on a mission, and when it was accomplished, just before He ascended to the Father, He commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; feeling that the same responsibility rests upon us as their successors, we should certainly do all that we can to disseminate the Gospel of Peace. While we deplore the fact that so little, comparatively, has been done in the past; yet, we rejoice to know that the labors of our missionaries in preaching the gospel to the destitute in the various fields, have been greatly blessed. The Scriptures teach us that we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works; and the greatest and grandest part of that good work, is to give the gospel of Christ to the destitute. Let us heed the cry that comes to us from our own State; nor should we forget the Macedonian call from heathen lands. We recommend the delegates of this body to stir up their churches on the subject of missions, and urge them to send up mission funds to the General Association. Greater liberality among the churches—enlarged contributions are earnestly solicited to carry on successfully the work of our blessed Master, committed to our charge. Remember, brethren, that we are God's stewards. It has been said, and justly too, "The spirit of christianity is the Spirit of missions." And Oh! may the Great Head of the church, deeply impress this fact upon our hearts, till it awakens that interest which its importance demands. We claim to be a missionary body intensely. But as we do our work through the General Association, our minutes show but little of what we are doing.

Submitted,

J. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

D.*Report of Committee on Sunday-schools.*

Your committee submit the following report: We believe that much good has grown out of well conducted Sunday-schools. We are commanded to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and this cannot be done without teaching them the truth as it is in Jesus. And we would urge upon all the churches of this Association the importance of organizing a Sunday-school, and teach your children to study the Bible. The word of God stored away in their hearts while young will be as seed sown in a well-prepared soil, yielding an abundant harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

T. I. WELLS, Chairman

E.*Report of Committee on Finance.*

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find he has paid out sixty cents more than he has received.

Sent up by the churches for Association purposes.....	\$140 30
" " " " Domestic Missions.....	11 10
" " " " Indian Missions.....	1 85
" " " " Foreign Missions.....	2 60
Public collection on Sunday for Foreign Missions.....	6 40
" " " " Domestic Missions.....	6 25
" " " " Indian Missions.....	11 55

Total,\$180 05

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. KELLY, Chairman.

F.*Report of Committee on Publications.*

Your committee submit the following report: The printing press is a great power in the land that is being extensively used for the dissemination of knowledge. We have almost numberless publications in the form of books, periodicals, newspapers, &c.; and it is a lamentable fact, that many of them are nothing less than moral poison—poisoning the mind and corrupting the morals of all that read them. What better than moral poison are the light and frivolous love-story-telling papers and magazines that flood the country at the present day? We should, therefore, be careful in the selection of what we read. Therefore, we would earnestly recommend the Southern Baptist, published by Eld. A. Gressett, Meridian, Miss., as being sound and specially adapted to our wants. We would, also, recommend the Baptist Record, published by Eld. J. B. Gambrell, Clinton, Miss., as being sound and worthy of our patronage; and for Sunday-schools, we recommend Kinds Words, published at Macon, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. ELLERBE, Chairman.

G.*Report of Committee on Education.*

Your Committee on Education would report: That we regard the subject of education of vital importance. The duty of parents to educate their children, is no longer a question among us as Baptists. In this age of progress, improvement and development, those who fail to avail themselves of the advantages of education can expect to be little more than hewers of wood and drawers of waters. With these facts staring us in the face, we would say to our brethren and sisters, and to all educate, educate, by all means educate your children; give them the best opportunities you can in the common schools of the country; and for higher education, we would first of all, recommend the Garlandville Male and Female High School, presided over by Prof. J. W. Brown, whom we take great pleasure in recommending to the friends of this Association, as the right man in the right place. And now, brethren, as the school is located in our midst, and is a part of our work, we would urge upon this Association the necessity and importance of a more liberal support, both of our means and patronage.

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

N. L. Clarke, Decatur,
L. P. Murrell, Lake,
D. Fore, Lake,
A. J. Freeman, Newton.
Z. K. Gilmore, Hickory.
J. D. Parker, Jewell Hill,
G. W. Raynor, Hickory.
J. E. Chapman, Newton.

S. J. Tullis, Dixon, Neshoba Co.,
J. M. Moore, Union,
J. K. P. Shows, Union.
J. M. Kelly, Union.
T. M. Ellerbe, New Ireland,
T. L. Wells, Moore's Mill.
L. J. Caughman, Shongelo,
B. W. Dearing, Newton,
Pullum Vaughn, Chankey Station.

Licentiates and their Post Offices.

F. Sansing, Union.
Joseph White, Decatur,
T. M. Gould, Lake,
W. R. Halley, Hickory,
J. J. Ingram, Dixon.
D. M. Strood, Hickory,

H. O. White, Moore's Mill,
J. W. Arnold, New Ireland,
J. T. Massey, Lena,
William Sessum, Lena,
J. E. Pearson, Lena,
W. G. Everett, Hickory.

FORM OF A CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The Regular Baptist Church of Christ at To the Mt. Pisgah Association, in annual session for 18..... greeting:
Dear Brethren: We have this day chosen our beloved brethren, A and B, and as their alternate brother C, to represent us in your body. We are (state here the condition of the church). For all further information we refer you to the following table of statistics:

Baptized	.....	Want	.....	copies minutes
Received by Letter	.....	Associational fund	\$.....	
Restored	.....	Domestic missions	\$.....	
Dismissed by Letter	.....	Foreign missions	\$.....	
Excluded	.....	Time of meeting	.....
Dead	.....	Name of Ordained ministers	.....
Males	.....	Name of Licentiates (if any)	.....
Females	.....	Name of Pastor or supply	.....
Total Number	.....	Name of post-office	.....

Done by order of the church in conference, at her regular meeting in

C. D., Clerk.

A. B., moderator.

* Note—The letters should not state, as they usually do, when and where the association is to be held, as the delegates know this before they start. The design is to give information not known to the association.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature; consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he call-eth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in be-

coming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them; according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4. This association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four, and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject, till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege; and not then without leave of the association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

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CHURCHES.	COUNTY	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Reed by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Dead
County Line	Neshoba	Union	J M Moore, F Sansing	3	2	1	2		
Salem	Scott	Lake	W R Graham, Oliver Smith	1	1	1			1
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	Henry White	3	3		2	1	
Bethlehem	Newton	New Ireland	D C Payne	14	8	1	7	2	
Union	Scott	Harperville	M C Townsend, J L Dozier	5	1		1	2	1
Good Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J D Herrington						1
Fellowship	Leake	Walnut Grove	S H Horn, S H Parker	2	1		7	1	1
Enon	Neshoba	Union	F Clark, J K P Adkins		3				
Garlandsville	Jasper	Garlandsville	J D Hardy, T E Wilson			4			
Bethel	Newton	Newton	D T Chapman, J E Chapman	11	2	1	4		
Sharon	Smith	Burns	L J Caughman, H F Husbands	3	5		5	1	1
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L P Murroll, W L Kelly	3			4		
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lake	D Fore, G W Nelson	7	6		5		1
Harpersville	Scott	Harperville	J P Yarrell		1		2	1	
Pinkney	Newton	Union	J W Arnold, C C Roebuck	7	1	1	5	2	1
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewel Hill	W J Fortson, Wm Pierce		1	6			
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	J M Kelly, Benj Miller	3	6	1	7		1
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N L Clarke, J C Coursey, T G Coker	2	2		10	1	
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	R H Jones, E Dean, A M Harris	7	4	1	3		
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	H O White, Jos White, E M Laird	3	1		3	3	
Mt. Pisgah	Jasper	Paulding	John McCarty, H H Harper	17	2		2		
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	Wm Walton, John McKey		4		5		
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Conehatta	W F Petty, W A Welsh		2				
Lake	Newton	Lake	T M Gould	4	2				
New Prospect	Newton	New Ireland	T M Ellerbee, Z Davidson	2			4	4	
Leaf River	Smith	Flower's Place	W D Buckalieu, H R Bassett	1					
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	R E Buckley, S A Nicholson	1	7		4	3	
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	S J Tullis, J W Hadley	2	8		3		
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	J D Parker, H Robinson	4	1		5	1	
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	A D Crenshaw, Jas Smith	6	4	1	1	2	
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	Z K Gilmore, H H Cunningham	3	6		3		
Friendship	Leake	Lena	J T Massy	4	8		1		
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman, A Keith	10				1	
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	T I Wells, G W Raynor		15		15	2	
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	J C Mann, A M Cross						
Philadelphia	Neshoba	Philadelphia			4		2		
Linwood	Neshoba	Dixon	J J Ingram, J P Mason		2		3		
Woodland	Neshoba	Dixon	N Barham		1				
Sardis	Scott	Damascus	D G Smith		3				
High Hill	Leake	High Hill	C C Arnold	15	8				
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	J F Coker, H J Halferd	5	11				
Old Union	Scott	Harperville	J M Hutson	11	11		10	2	
Sylvarena	Smith	Sylvarena	A J Bryant, J W Huff		2	1		2	
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	A Chaney, W R Smith	1	10		17		
Newton	Newton	Newton	A P Wash, L M Philips	2					
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D M Stroud, S W Monroe		1				
				177	162	15	146	34	

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GENERAL TABLE.															PASTOR OR SUPPLY.		
Baptized	Reed by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Dead	White males	White females	Colored	Total number	No. minutes	Associational Fund	Domestic missions	Foreign missions	Time meeting	Licentiate	Ord. ministers	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
2	1	2	2	18	18	36	15	2 00	15	2 00	5 95	3	1	1	J M Moore		
3	1	1	2	11	14	25	15	1 50	15	1 50		4	1	1	J H Grundy		
6	1	1	2	11	19	30	20	2 00	20	2 00		1	1	1	N L Clarke		
3	3	6	6	25	31	56	20	2 50	20	2 50		2	2	2	J M Moore		
14	5	1	1	24	29	53	20	3 00	20	3 00	3 10				P H Bilbro		
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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH—

SYLVARENA CHURCH,

Smith County, Miss.,

SEPT. 20, 21, and 22, 1884.

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MINUTES.

Report of Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence:

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the continued goodness of God, we have been permitted to meet in this our forty-seventh annual meeting, with Sylvarena church, and have great reason for thankfulness, for the circumstances that have attended our meeting. We have word from nearly all the churches, evidencing that they are in peace, and at least in a usual state of prosperity.

The additions by baptism will equal those of former years, at least for several years back, nor do we see any decline in the Spirit of Missions.

It should be noticed, however, that the churches do their mission work through the General Association; hence they send their funds directly there, so that but little is sent to this body for that purpose. It is believed that all our churches have had preaching with tolerable regularity, and several have had precious revivals. Great harmony has attended our deliberations in business, while the preaching has been faithful and edifying. There have been 3 new churches added to our number. Taking all together, this has been, not only a pleasant, but an encouraging session of our beloved Association, in view of all which we thank God and take courage.

Dear Brethren, our beloved Association has existed now for nearly fifty years, and is growing old in the Lord's work. Let us thank God for what has been done, and relying on his promises, let us work for the attainment of greater things. Jesus says: "My Father worketh—and I work." The Apostle tells us to always abound in the work of the Lord, assuring us "that our labor is not in vain in the Lord." Much of our strength as an Association has grown out of our union in council, and soundness in the faith. Let us study to be one, to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; yea, let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, in word, in principle, in practice. Let us watch against innovations that would tend to unsettle us. Your committee would especially guard the churches against the new and confusing view of the communion question; as we are satisfied that our practice of intercommunion with the membership of our own churches, is consistent scriptural, and profitable.

Beloved Brethren: Let us not forget our obligation to give the gospel to the destitute families of the earth. The command of the Savior, pity for the perishing, and our desire to be useful, as well as the wonderful success that has attended our labors in this blessed work, should urge us forward to greater efforts. May the Lord bless us in our work.

N. L. CLARKE.
L. P. MURRELL.
J. M. MOORE.
H. ROBINSON.
G. WHITE.
JAS. VIVERETTE.
J. E. CHAPMAN.

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SYLVARENA, SMITH CO., MISS., SEPT. 20TH 1884.

Mt. Pisgah Association convened this day in her 47th annual session, with Sylvarena Church, Smith county, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Moore, from Acts 2:41—Theme; the Scriptural qualifications of those to be admitted to the gospel ordinances.

After intermission and refreshments, the delegates assembled in the house for business. The Moderator called the house to order, and opened the meeting by prayer.

Eld. A. J. Freeman, Eld. J. E. Chapman and L. M. Philips were appointed reading clerks.

Bro G. C. Harper, N. T. Johnson and W. C. Thornton were appointed a committee on finance.

Letters were read from 44 churches and delegates seated.
On motion it was resolved, That this body elect its officers by acclamation, which resulted in the re-election of the former officers, viz: Elder N. L. Clarke, Moderator; Eld. J. M. Moore, Secretary, and Bro. J. D. Hardy, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with us.

Petitionary letters were then called for. Three were presented, one from Pearl Concord, one from Bethany and one from New Hope. The letters were read, and the churches admitted members of this body, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for. Eld. W. T. Thigpen, and Eld. J. T. Simmons responded from Salem Association. Eld. M. E. Manning and T. J. Miley from Springfield, and Elder A. Gressett from the Beth'chem, and the hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator.

The Moderator then appointed committees, as follows:

ON PREACHING—H. J. Connel, J. B. Ishee, J. D. Hardy, J. W. McCaughn.

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS—H. G. Griffls, L. P. Murrell; R. E. Buckley, H. Bruce, W. L. Sharp, F. Sansing.

MISSIONS—Eld. A. J. Freeman, Eld. Z. K. Gilmore, W. L. Collins, W. B. F. Adams, J. K. Horn.

ON NOMINATIONS—Eld. J. J. Ingram, J. C. Walton, John McCarty, J. D. Hardy, S. J. Nelson, T. M. Gould.

ON PUBLICATIONS—Z. K. Gilmore, J. T. Halford, G. Robinson, J. M. Moore.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Eld. G. W. Rainer, W. F. Jones, W. H. Cheek, B. W. Dearing, R. L. Herrington.

ON STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE—Elder N. L. Clarke, J. M. Moore, L. P. Murrell, H. Robinson, G. White, Jas. Viverette, J. E. Chapman.

ON EDUCATION—Eld. A. Gressett, W. T. Thigpen, N. T. Johnson, J. E. Chapman.

The Committee on Preaching report, that Elder G. W. Rainer is appointed to preach at the church to-night; That Eld. A. J. Freeman preach at the church at 11 o'clock A. M. the annual sermon on missions; Eld. L. P. Murrell to preach at the Academy at the same time, in the afternoon Eld. A. Gressett to preach; and Eld. J. T. Simmons appointed to preach at night.

Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock conducted by Eld. B. W. Dearing. At 11 o'clock, the annual sermon on missions was preached at the church by Eld. A. J. Freeman, from Rome 1:16 The Gospel the power of God unto salvation. Eld. L. P. Murrell preached at the Academy at the same hour, with his usual force and solemnity, from Rome 10:4 Christ the end of the law for righteousness. Good order prevailed at both places. A collection was taken up at each place, resulting as follows: For Domestic Missions, \$8.35; Indian Missions, \$4.30; Foreign Missions, \$2.25. Total, \$14.90.

At 2 P. M. Elder A. Gressett preached a good sermon from 1st Corin. 13: Christ, the Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption of his people.

Eld. J. T. Simmons preached a good sermon at night from Acts. 16:30.

MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association was called to order, and the services opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Called the Role. Read the Rules of Decorum.

Proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

To the Salem—Elder N. L. Clarke.
To the Octibbeha—J. J. Ingram, T. I. Wells, G. W. Rainer.
To the Choctaw—J. M. Moore, F. Sansing.
To the Bethlehem—Z. K. Gilmore.
To the Springfield—B. W. Dearing, N. L. Clarke.
To the Harmony—H. J. Connel, N. L. Clarke.

RESOLVED, That the corresponding messengers be authorized to write their own letters, showing their appointment as messengers to the Associations which they visit, signing the names of the Moderator and Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Nominations—Report read and adopted. Appendix A.

On Queries and Requests—Report read and adopted. Appendix

B. On Missions—Report read. An excellent speech was made by Eld. A. J. Freeman, favoring the report. A telling speech by Eld. L. P. Murrell on the Indian Mission. Speeches were made by others also favoring Missions, and urging greater efforts in that work, when the report was unanimously adopted. Appendix C.

On Publications—Report read, amended and adopted. Appendix D.

Elder Z. K. Gilmore appointed to preach at the church.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence. Report read and adopted. (See first page.)

On Sunday Schools—Report read, and after considerable discussion by brethren L. P. Murrell, A. Gressett, R. E. Buckley, T. J. Miley, W. C. Thornton and M. E. Manning, it was amended and adopted. Appendix E.

On Finance—Report read and adopted. Appendix F.

On Education—Report read and adopted. Appendix G.

Appointed representatives to the General Association, viz: Elders L. P. Murrell, A. J. Freeman, N. L. Clarke, J. E. Chapman, N. T. Johnson and D. T. Chapman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

RESOLUTIONS.

By motion, it was resolved to republish in the minutes of this year the Abstract of Faith. Rules of Decorum, Gospel Order &c.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk have the Minutes of this Association prepared, and printed, and distributed to the churches—reserving a quantity for correspondence, and that he receive \$20 for his services—calling on the Treasurer for the same.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be authorized to have the Minutes printed at the office of the Southern Baptist.

RESOLVED, That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the Treasurer of the General Association.

RESOLVED, That we have unabated confidence in the great work of the General Association, and urge it upon the churches with great earnestness.

RESOLVED, That Elder J. M. Moore be requested to furnish a copy of his Introductory Sermon to the editor of the Southern Baptist for publication.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That we cordially tender the thanks of this body to the church and citizens of this community, for their kindness and generous hospitality during this meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Association adjourn to meet with Harper-ville church, Scott county, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, 1885.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

J. M. MOORE, Clerk.

N. L. Clarke

APPENDICES

A. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations report: That we have nominated Elder G. W. Rainer to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. S. J. Tullos, his alternate; and that Eld. N. L. Clarke preach the next Annual Sermon on Missions, and Eld. L. P. Murrell his alternate.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. INGRAM, Chairman.

B. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests report: Four churches have requested the next annual meeting of this body to be held with them, viz: Oakland, Rock Branch, Pleasant Hill, Harperville. We recommended that the request from Harperville church be granted.

Submitted, L. P. Murrell, Chairman.

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report: That the subject of Missions is a conceded fact, sustained by God's word, and by the success that has attended the Missionary enterprise. It has been but about one hundred years since the first effort in modern Mission work was put forth to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom, and many thousands of the heathen are now believers in the blessed Savior. The Bible has been translated into every prominent language of the world. The opposition has given way, and the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," comes from every quarter of the globe. By the efforts in this work, our own waste places have been built up till we are in reach of the gospel every Sabbath, and we are now reaching beyond, supplying the destitute in other places. In connection with the General Association, we are seeking to give the gospel to the destitute in our own State, including the Choctaw Indians in our midst. Our missionaries are doing a great work, parties are being baptized, churches built up, and the desert beginning to blossom as the rose. The success of the Choctaw Mission has exceeded our expectations. Three churches have been constituted among them, with prospects of another soon. For this we should thank God. This good work should be continued, and it requires means to do it. We are owing our missionaries. The General Association meets the last of October, when it will be due.

In conclusion, we recommend that the pastors and deacons present the claims of missions to their churches during the month of October, and take up a collection for our benevolent objects, which funds shall be credited to the churches. Said funds to be sent direct to the General Association, or handed to D. T. Chapman, Treasurer, N. L. Clarke, A. Cressett, or L. P. Murrell.

We recommend that so much of this report as appeals to the churches for funds, be published in the Southern Baptist.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. Freeman, Chairman.

D. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications report: The printing press is a great power for good or evil. Vicious and profane literature will most surely corrupt the morals of those who read it. As we profess to be the followers of Christ, we should see that no such literature finds its way to our homes and children. Avoid all trashy publications as you would avoid the deadly contagion. As a sound moral and religious Journal, we recommend the Southern Baptist, published by Eld. A. Gressett, Meridian, Miss. For Sunday-schools and Juvenile family reading, we recommend Kind Words, published by S. Boykin, Macon, Georgia. Respectfully submitted, Z. K. GILMORE, Chairman.

E. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools feel their importance, and judging from the letters from the churches that the interests of Sunday-schools is greatly overlooked, we would earnestly call the attention of the brethren to this important work of the church. The Sunday-school should be made a subject of prayer and earnest effort in all the churches. Every lover of our blessed Savior should be engaged in the great and glorious work of the Sunday-schools, in training and preparing the minds of the young for the reception of the gospel. In thus doing, the Sunday-school will be placed in its proper position. The entire membership of the church engaged in this work will expand in a general knowledge of the Scriptures. They will be able more fully to understand the preached word, will be established in the faith of the gospel, their usefulness increased, and they will be confirmed in the hope of everlasting glory. Submitted, G. W. RAINER, Chairman.

F. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct.

Sent up by the churches for Associational purposes.....	\$121 25
" " " " Domestic Missions.....	6 95
" " " " Indian Missions.....	1 75
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Collection on Sunday for Domestic Missions.....	4 80
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" " " " Foreign Missions.....	

Total,.....\$168 35

Respectfully submitted, G. C. HARPER, Chairman.

G. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee feel the importance of general education, and are glad to note the increasing interest manifested by our people in the education of the rising generation. The proof of this is to be seen in the efforts put forth all over our country to establish and sustain permanent schools, of both common and a higher order. That the usefulness and happiness of our children largely depend upon the proper training and development of their minds, there can be no doubt. Hence we would encourage in every possible way the cause of education; and would rejoice to see the good work go on till a thorough education in the English branches at least, shall be placed within the reach of all. In this connection we would refer to the High School, instituted by the General Association, and located at Sylva, as one deserving our prayers and support. Submitted, N. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

N. L. Clarke, Decatur,
L. P. Murrell, Lake,
D. Fore, Lake,
J. N. Newburn, High Hill,
A. J. Freeman, Newton,
Z. K. Gilmore, Hickory,
J. D. Parker, Jewell Hill,
G. W. Raynor, Hickory,
J. E. Chapman, Newton,

Pullum Vaughn, Chunkey Station.

S. J. Tullis, Dixon, Neshoba Co.
J. M. Moore, Union,
J. K. P. Shows, Union,
J. J. Ingram, Dixon,
J. M. Kelly, Union,
T. M. Elerbe, New Ireland,
T. I. Wells, Moore's Mill,
L. J. Caughman, Shongolo,
B. W. Dearing, Newton,

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

F. Sansing, Union.
Joseph White, Decatur.
T. M. Gould, Lake.
W. R. Hailey, Hickory.
J. E. Pearson, Lena.
W. G. Everett, Hickory.
Jas. Killen, Union.

H. O. White, Moore's Mill.
J. W. Arnold, New Ireland.
J. T. Massey, Lena.
Wm. Sessum, Lena.
D. M. Stroud, Hickory.
L. M. Phillips, Newton.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, by His most precious blood, became the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.
7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.
8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.
3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during

the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4. This association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four, and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject, till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed the same privilege; and not then without leave of the association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

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CHURCHES.	COUNTY	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Restored by let.	Dis by let	Excluded
County Line	Neshoba	Union	J M Moore, F Sansing			3	
Salem	Scott	Forest		2	1	1	2
Hickory	Newton	Hickory		4	1	3	2
Bethlehem	Newton	New Ireland	R E Jones			6	
Union	Scott	Harperville	T I Steed, R M Beesley	1	2	3	
Good Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J T Clarke	2	2	4	3
Fellowship	Leake	Walnut Grove	B Coleman			1	2
Enon	Neshoba	Union	J K P Atkins, J Killen	1		6	
Garlandville	Jasper	Garlandville	J D Hardy	2	1	1	2
Bethel	Newton	Newton	B W Dearing, J E Chapman	4		3	
Sharon	Smith	Trenton	G Robinson, P G Hord	1		54	1
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L P Murcell, I Bryant, W C Thornton	21	4		
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lake					
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	G C Harper, J D Haralson		9	1	4
Pinkney	Newton	Union	W L Collins, W Milling	5	1		2
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewel Hill	W H Chees	2		12	
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	L S James, W B F Adams	2		4	
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N L Clarke, N T Johnston	2	2	3	1
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	G W Jones, A Boutwell, J M Simmons	6			
Beulah	Newton	Moore's Mill		11	2	1	1
Mt. Pisgah	Jasper	Paulding	B M Buckley, J McCarty	8	3	1	4
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R L Estes	3	7	1	
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Conehatta	H J Connell	2	4	2	
Lake	Scott	Lake		2	2	2	
New Prospect	Newton	New Ireland	Z Davidson	2	1	3	1
Leaf River	Smith	Flowers Place	W D Buckaliew, W F Jones	6	5	4	1
Concord	Jasper	Garlandville	R E Buckley	3	2	1	4
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	J C Walton	4	5	2	3
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	H Robinson, S J Nelson	4	5	9	1
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	James Viverett	7	2	2	
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	Z K Gilmore, J Houston			4	5
Friendship	Leake	Lena	G White, Samuel Sexsums	3	2	4	1
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman	3	4	4	1
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	C W Rafter	12	4	3	
Cross Road	Newton	Decatur	H Bruce	8		12	
Philadelphia	Neshoba	Philadelphia					
Linwood	Neshoba	Dixon	J J Ingram, R L Herrington	4	4	3	3
Woodland	Neshoba	Philadelphia					
Sardis	Scott	Damascus	R S Estes	4	1		
High Hill	Leake	High Hill	G A Gunter	10	10	2	
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	J K Horn, J Halford	1	2	1	
Old Union	Scott	Harperville	W A Phelps			1	
Sylvarena	Smith	Sylvarena	J W Tilson, J W McCaughn		4	3	
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	H Griffin, W J Harris	5	4	1	1
Newton	Newton	Newton	L M Phillips	9	12	4	1
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	J B Ishee	1		2	
New Hope	Scott	Lake	T M Gould, B M Earle	3			
Prarie Concord	Newton	Newton	W I Pippin	8			
Bethany	Neshoba	Edinburg	W L Sharp, J M Porter				

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CHURCHES.	Baptized	Restored	Dis by let	Excluded	Dead	White males	Colored	Total number	No. min-utes	Associa-tional Fund	Domestic missions	Foreign missions	Indian mis	Time meet	Ord minst	Licentiate	PASTOR OR SUPPLY			
	2	1	3	14	16	30	20	2 00						3	1	1	J M Moore			
	4	1	1	9	15	24	15	1 50		4 25				4			J H Grundy			
	4		3	11	20	31	20	2 00						1			N L Carke			
			6	22	29	51	20	2 25						1			J M Moore			
		2	3	24	28	52	25	3 65						2			P H Bulbro			
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	6	1	2	8	12	20	15	1 50						3			A J Freeman			
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			12	45	28	44	20	2 30						4			J T Simmons			
			4	1	28	44	30	2 30						2	2		J M Moore			
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	6			38	87	125	30	3 00			3 95			1			D Fore			
	11	2	1	58	80	140	50	5 00						4	2		J M Moore			
	8	3	1	16	37	53	20	2 50						3			J T Simmons			
	3	7		19	29	48	20	2 00		3 00				4			J J Ingram			
		4	2	32	54	89	30	3 00						3			L P Murrell			
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		1	3	1	20	28	48	15	3 00					2			T M Ellerbe			
	6	5	4	34	59	93	30	3 00						1			J T Simmons			
	3	2	1	9	16	25	16	4 00						1			W B Dearing			
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		5		25	45	70	20	2 00						3	1		J D Parker			
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			4	7	22	29	15	1 50						4			Z K Gilmore			
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